

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 045458
ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY UWG: RBAKER:JR

APPROVED BY UW RPOST

S/ O:SSTEINER

-----020118 102331 /67

O 020052Z MAR 77 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL STUTTGART IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIAT

S E C R E T STATE 045458

EXDIS BRASILIA FOR DEP SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UG, US

SUBJECT: UGANDA SITUATION REPORT NO. 9 AS OF 1800

MARCH 1, 1977 (2300 GMT)

THE FOLLOWING IS THE NINTH SITUATION REPORT ON UGANDA
PREPARED BY THE UGANDA WORKING GROUP IN THE DEPARTMENT.

IT IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. DO NOT RPT NOT DRAW
UPON IT WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

NOTE:

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ONLY ONE DAILY SITREP IN THIS

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 045458

SERIES WILL BE PRODUCED, AT 1800. THE UGANDA WORKING
GROUP IS SIMULTANEOUSLY BEING REDUCED IN SIZE AND WILL
BE ON DUTY IN THE OPERATIONS CENTER ONLY BETWEEN
8:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M. AT OTHER TIMES, ELEMENTS OF
THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE "ON CALL", ACCORDING TO A
DUTY ROSTER AVAILABLE IN THE OPERATIONS CENTER.

1. THIS MORNING, THE ACTING UGANDAN CHARGE PROVIDED CONFIRMATION OF FBIS REPORTS THAT THE GOU HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THAT ALL AMERICANS IN UGANDA WERE FREE TO MOVE ABOUT THE COUNTRY AS THEY WISHED AND TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY IF THEY SO DESIRED. THE CHARGE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT AMIN'S FORMAL MEETING WITH ALL AMERICANS

WAS NOW POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. UGANDAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS WERE TO REPORT TO PRESIDENT AMIN'S OFFICE ON 2 MARCH AT 0800 TO DELIVER THE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED MEMORANDA FROM AMERICANS STATING THAT THE AMERICANS ARE INDEED SAFE AND HAPPY IN UGANDA. FURTHER, THE CHARGE REITERATED THE GOU'S INVITATION TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO UGANDA TO VERIFY THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN UGANDA. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE INVITATION IS OPEN-ENDED. WHILE THE SITUATION HAS THUS EASED CONSIDERABLY, IT COULD BE PREMATURE TO CONCLUDE THAT THE CRISIS IS PERMANENTLY OVER. AMIN IS HIGHLY UNPREDICTABLE AND HAS LEFT ENOUGH ELEMENTS IN AN AMBIGUOUS STATE TO PERMIT HIM TO TURN THE CRISIS BACK ON AT A WHIM: E.G., THE MEETING WITH AMERICANS, WHILE POSTPONED "INDEFINITELY", HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED; THE INVITATION FOR US TO SEND A EMISSARY, WHILE IT CONTAINS NO DEADLINE, IS STILL OPEN. ADDITIONALLY, HE HAS INDICATED HIS DESIRE THAT THE US RE-OPENITS EMBASSY IN KAMPALA AND HIS INTEREST IN RECEIVING US ECONOMIC AID. WHETHER HE DECIDES THAT HE WILL GAIN ADVANTAGE BY PURSUING THESE MATTERS THROUGH A RE-GENERATED CRISIS SITUATION OR IN A MORE NORMAL MANNER

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 045458

WILL DETERMINE WHETHER UGANDA WILL CONTINUE TO DEMAND WORKING GROUP OR STANDARD OFFICE-LEVEL ATTENTION.

THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING MESSAGES OF APPRECIATION TO THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF ZAIRE, SOMALIA, SUDAN, RWANDA, SAUDI ARABIA AND THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE AND TO FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY OF EGYPT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAU FOR THEIR GOOD OFFICES AND ASSISTANCE IN THE SITUATION REGARDING AMERICAN CITIZENS IN UGANDA.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED AMBASSADOR ELLERKMAN'S COMMENTS ON THE ADVISABILITY OF OUR DELIVERING A REVISED CARTER-AMIN MESSAGE VIA THE UGANDA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THIS APPROACH WOULD AVOID THE DELAYS THAT RESULTED FROM AMBASSADOR ELLERKMAN'S DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMIN TO DELIVER THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT DELIVER THE REVISED MESSAGE IN THIS WAY IF TO DO SO WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF WEAKENING FRG'S POSITION WITH

RESPECT TO PROTECTION OF US INTERESTS IN UGANDA.

3. CONCERN ABOUT A POSSIBLE CUBAN PRESENCE HAS RESULTED FROM CONFLICTING REPORTS WHICH HAVE RANGED FROM ESTIMATES OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED TO A REPORT FROM THE SWISS "HONORARY COUNSUL" WHICH CLAIMED THAT CUBANS

WERE „SWARMING ALL OVER THE PLACE." AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE HIS ESTIMATE ON THE NUMBER OF CUBAN NATIONALS PRESENT IN KAMPALA.

4. EMBASSY NAIROBI HAS PROVIDED FURTHER INFORMATION ON AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE DEPARTED UGANDA AND OTHERS WHO HAVE ARRIVED SINCE THE FRG EMBASSY'S DEC 1976 LIST. AS FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THROUGH COLLATING LISTS, TELEPHONING
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 045458

RELIGIOUS ORDERS, UN, COMPANY AND ALL OTHER LEADS, THE BREAKDOWN OF AMCITS IN UGANDA IS APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS:

MISSIONARIES OF ALL TYPES (RELIGIOUS, TEACHERS, MEDICAL, CATHOLIC, 7TH DAY ADVENTIST, PROTESTANT) 104

TEACHERS (NON-MISSIONARY) 37

MISCELLANEOUS: UNDP 1

-- BELL HELICOPTER 2
-- UGANDA AIRLINES 16
-- CALTEX 2
-- OTHER 36
--

-- 57

DEPENDENTS 59

--
-- 257
-- TOTAL

CAVEAT: EMB NAIROBI STATES THERE ARE PROBABLY ABOUT 40 AMERICANS IN UGANDA WHO, FOR THEIR OWN REASONS, HAVE AVOIDED EMBASSY NAIROBI. THESE FIGURES ARE, THEREFORE, ONLY TENTATIVE.

5. AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN REPORTS THAT BERNARD SCHWARTZ AND NINE OTHER TOURISTS WERE ARRESTED ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26. SCHWARTZ TOLD AMB. ELLERKMAN THAT HE

WAS WALKING DOWN THE STREET DRINKING BEER AND THAT
HE WAS NEVER TOLD WHY HE WAS PICKED UP. ELLERKMANN
FOUND SCHWARTZ TO BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION,
UNHARMED BUT FRIGHTENED. ELLERKMAN BELIEVES THAT
ALL THE GROUP WERE PUT ON A BUS AND SENT TO
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 05 STATE 045458

THE KENYA BORDER. ANOTHER AMERICAN WAS SAID TO HAVE
BEEN ARRESTED AT THE SAME TIME, BUT ELLERKMANN COULD
NOT ASCERTAIN ANY DETAILS REGARDING IDENTITY AND
CITIZENSHIP.
VANCE

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CITIZEN PROTECTION, PROGRESS REPORTS, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 02-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE045458
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: RBAKER:JR
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770070-1123
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197703100/aaaadkta.tel
Line Count: 187
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 673a88ac-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2938302
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: UGANDA SITUATION REPORT NO. 9 AS OF 1800 MARCH 1, 1977 (2300 GMT) THE FOLLOWING IS THE NINTH SITUATION REPORT ON UGA
TAGS: PFOR, UG, US
To: ADDIS ABABA KINSHASA MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/673a88ac-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009